

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please delete claims 1 through 6 and 8 through 14 without prejudice.
Please add claims 15 through 24 as follows.**

C3 15. (New) An insect attracting composition, said composition controls insects in plants, said insects being selected from insects of the *Coleoptera* order, and said plants being selected from plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, said composition comprising:

- (1) a mixture comprising the following components:
 - (A) an organic compound selected from the group formed by methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, and mixtures thereof;
 - (B) a vegetable material obtained from a plant, said plant being selected from plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, said vegetable material being ground, fermented, and stabilized with a preserving agent; and
 - (C) an organic compound selected from the group formed by isobutyl acetate, acetoin, phenol, guaiacol, menthol, 2-phenylethanol, and mixtures thereof; and
- (2) a pheromone, said pheromone comprising a pheromone which is appropriate for the insects to be controlled.

16. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said organic compound (A) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount comprising between 15% and 85% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).

17. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said vegetable material comprises a part of a plant selected from stems, leaves, fruits, and mixtures of these.

18. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said vegetable material (B) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount comprising between 15% and 85% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).

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19. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said preserving agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, citric acid, and mixtures of these.

20. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said organic compound (C) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount of up to 20% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).

21. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said mixture (1) comprises:

35% by weight of ethyl acetate,
35% by weight of ethanol,
25% by weight of ascorbic acid stabilized, ground, and fermented sugar cane and/or coconut meat,
2.5% by weight of phenol, and
2.5% by weight of acetoin.

22. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said mixture (1) comprises:

35% by weight of ethyl acetate,
35% by weight of ethanol,
25% by weight of ascorbic acid stabilized, ground, and fermented sugar cane and/or coconut meat,
2.5% by weight of phenol,
2.5% by weight of acetoin,
2.5% by weight of guaiacol, and
2.5% by weight of 2-phenylethanol.

23. (New) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said pheromone is rynchophorol.

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24. (New) A method for controlling insects in plants, said insects being selected from insects of the *Coleoptera* order and said plants being selected from plants of the family *Plamaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, which comprises applying an insect attracting composition according to claim 15, to a plantation of plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree or agaves to be protected.